

Assembly Bill No. 464

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CHAPTER _____

An act to add Sections 1586.6 and 1586.7 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to care facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 464, Levine. Adult day health care centers.

Existing law provides for the implementation of adult day health care center oversight by the State Department of Health Services, and authorizes that department to enter into an interagency agreement with the California Department of Aging for the administration of that program. Existing law establishes standards for the licensure of adult day health care centers.

This bill would prohibit an adult day health care center from requiring family members to attend the center or assist the participant with activities of daily living while at the center. This bill would also prohibit an adult day health care center from discriminating because of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, or physical or mental disabilities. It would provide that the program may not admit any participants to the program that, in the clinical judgment of those administering the program, cannot be appropriately cared for by the program.

Under existing law, any person who negligently, repeatedly, or willfully violates the provisions of law relating to adult day health care facilities is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Because this bill would change the definition of a crime, this bill would result in a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1586.6 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:



1586.6. Adult day health care centers may not require family members to attend the center or assist the participant with activities of daily living while at the center.

SEC. 2. Section 1586.7 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

1586.7. (a) Adult day health care centers may not discriminate because of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, or physical or mental disabilities. Centers shall accommodate individuals with physical disabilities by ensuring that they have access to bathrooms, hallways, and door entrances, and by providing safe and adequate parking and passenger loading areas. All staff at centers shall be trained and able to interact with participants with physical disabilities.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the program may not admit any participants to the program that, in the clinical judgment of those administering the program, cannot be appropriately cared for by the program.

SEC. 3. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.



Approved _____, 2003

Governor

